

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR NPDES PERMIT**

**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission,
Drinking Water Transmission System in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties**

The above discharger has filed an application for issuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared a tentative order for this discharger, containing effluent and receiving water limitations and provisions, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Discharger) owns and operates a drinking water transmission system that provides drinking water to 2.4 million people in the San Francisco Bay Area. This regional system consists of large diameter pipelines, tunnels, valves, and pump stations located in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties. Planned, unplanned, and emergency discharges of drinking water to local streams and the Lower San Francisco Bay may occur anywhere along the transmission system; however, the majority of discharges would occur at low spots in the transmission system.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative order during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

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| Time and Date: | 9:00 a.m., December 10, 2008 |
| Location: | Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building 1515 Clay Street, Oakland |

The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on November 13, 2008. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Xavier Fernandez**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative order or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing if received after that deadline. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Regional Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Regional Water Board.

The tentative order, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative order, fact sheet, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Xavier Fernandez at (510) 622-5685, or by e-mail at xafernandez@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions on this matter.